

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
NORTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	CIVIL ACTION NO.
v.)	2:19-cv-591-MHT
)	(WO)
2014 FORD F-150 SUPERCREW)	
TRUCK, VIN: 1FTFW1CT9EKE94312,)	
etc.; and,)	
)	
2013 FORD F-150 STX TRUCK, VIN:)	
1FTFX1CF4DFD74822, etc.)	
)	
Defendants.)	

DECREE OF FORFEITURE

Before the court is plaintiff United States of America's ("United States") Motion for Decree of Forfeiture.

On August 15, 2019, the plaintiff filed a complaint (doc. no. 1) alleging that the defendants are subject to forfeiture pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(6), which provides for the seizure and forfeiture of all moneys, negotiable instruments, securities, or other things of value furnished or intended to be furnished by any person in exchange for a controlled substance or listed chemical in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a), all proceeds traceable to such an exchange, and all moneys, negotiable instruments, and securities used or intended to be used to facilitate any violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a) and 846.

It appears that process was fully issued in this action and returned according to law, based on the following facts.

Pursuant to a warrant of arrest *in rem* issued by the court on August 27, 2019 (doc. no. 3), the defendants were served on August 29, 2019 (doc. nos. 5, 6).

On September 17, 2019, Alma Heredia-Meza was personally served by a deputy United States Marshal with copies of the Notice of Complaint for Forfeiture against Personal Property, Verified Complaint for Forfeiture *In Rem*, and Warrant of Arrest *In Rem* (doc. no. 7).

On September 18, 2019, Raphael Alvarez-Valencia was personally served by a deputy United States Marshal with copies of the Notice of Complaint for Forfeiture against Personal Property, Verified Complaint for Forfeiture *In Rem*, and Warrant of Arrest *In Rem* (doc. no. 9).

Notice of this civil forfeiture action against the defendants was published for 30 consecutive days on an official government internet site (www.forfeiture.gov), as evidenced by the declaration of publication filed with this court on October 1, 2019 (doc. no. 8).

On November 20, 2019, default was entered against Alma Heredia-Meza, Raphael Alvarez-Valencia, and all other persons and entities having an interest in the defendants for failure to timely defend as provided for in the manner set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 983(a)(4)(A) and Supplemental Rule G(5) of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions (doc. no. 11).

No other claim or answer has been filed on behalf of any other party.

Now, therefore, on motion of the United States for a decree of forfeiture and for good cause otherwise shown, it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the motion (doc. no. 12) is granted as follows:

The defendants, a 2014 Ford F-150 Supercrew Truck, VIN: 1FTFW1CT9EKE94312, with all appurtenances and attachments thereon and a 2013 Ford F-150 STX, VIN: 1FTFX1CF4DFD74822, with all appurtenances and attachments thereon are hereby forfeited to

the United States, to be disposed of according to law, and no right, title or interest in the defendants shall exist in any other party.

This case is closed.

DONE, this the 18th day of February, 2020.

/s/ Myron H. Thompson
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE